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Art Unit : 3731  
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**SUBMISSION OF SIGNED DECLARATION**

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Responsive to the Patent Office NOTICE mailed May 9, 2000, the term for response to which expires on July 9, 2000, submitted herewith is a Declaration executed by the inventor and attached to a complete set of application papers.

A check for \$130.00 is enclosed to cover the Patent Office surcharge fee for late filing of the signed Declaration.

RE: FILING FEE:

The NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION dated May 9, 2000 states that an additional claim fee of \$1,482.00 is required for 19 additional independent claims. It is pointed out, however, that the application contains 23 claims of which only 2 are independent. The independent claims are claims 1 and 19.

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Attorney: Leonard Holtz

Dated: May 18, 2000

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To aid the Patent Office in the calculation of the claim fee, below is a chart of the claims, indicating the dependency of each of the claims:

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- 1 - INDEPENDENT
- 2 - dependent on 1
- 3 - dependent on 1
- 4 - dependent on 1
- 5 - dependent on 4
- 6 - dependent on 5
- 7 - dependent on 1
- 8 - dependent on 7
- 9 - dependent on 1
- 10 - dependent on 1
- 11 - dependent on 1
- 12 - dependent on 7
- 13 - dependent on 12
- 14 - dependent on 12
- 15 - dependent on 1
- 16 - dependent on 1
- 17 - dependent on 2
- 18 - dependent on 2
- 19 - INDEPENDENT
- 20 - dependent on 19
- 21 - dependent on 19
- 22 - dependent on 19
- 23 - dependent on 19

It is respectfully requested that the requirement for an additional claim fee be withdrawn and that prosecution on the merits now proceed.

Respectfully submitted,



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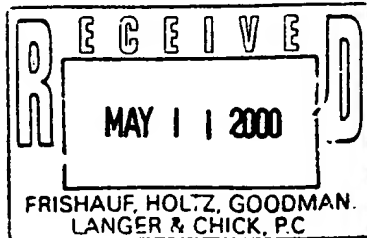
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1482.
  - \$1482 for 19 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
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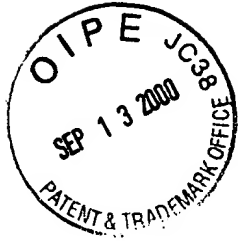
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